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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

By letter 3/28/64, Mrs. FAYE BREEDEN, Union, Mo., stated that OSWALD talked to her and her friend, BENNO GEBERT, on the street and she would furnish additional information if contacted. Mr. and Mrs. BREEDEN advised on 3/27/64 that they and BENNO GEBERT visited New Orleans in September, 1963. While in the French section, they were approached by two men, one of whom said, "We're going to get rid of old KENNEDY, too". Mrs. BREEDEN thought this meant get rid of him by vote and she thought he gave his name to GEBERT as OSWALD. BENNO GEBERT recalled he and the BREEDENS were in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 when this incident took place, but does not recall any names being mentioned during the incident. He only thought it was OSWALD after seeing OSWALD on TV after the shooting of President KENNEDY. GEBERT is retired city employee, St. Louis, Mo.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated March 28, 1964, at Union, Missouri, Mrs. FAYE BREEDEN advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., as follows:

"Union Mo.
317 Roosevelt Ave
March 28-1964

"Dear Mr Hoover

"I just wanted to tell you that last Sept we were in New Orleans with a friend of ours and we were walking down the French section looking in at the windows when Mr Oswald the man who shot our President stoped us and talked to us. I never have told anyone what he said he talked to our friend Benno Gebert & I and I would like for you to know what he said. If at any time some of your men are in Union & want to know what he said to us they can stop by our address is 317 Roosevelt Ave near the 7-Up warehouse_

"Thanking you

"Mrs Faye Breeden
317 Roosevelt Ave
Union Mo"

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MAUDIE FAYE BREEDEN, 317 Roosevelt Avenue, Union, Missouri, advised that she and her husband, ARTHUR BREEDEN, left Union, Missouri, on September 3, 1963, on vacation en route to New Orleans, Louisiana. They were accompanied by BENNO GEBERT, 4448 McPherson, St. Louis. They arrived at New Orleans on or about September 6, 1963, and checked into the Southland Hotel where they stayed for approximately two weeks. One day shortly after they arrived in New Orleans they were window-shopping in the French section and Mr. BREEDEN was wearing a wide-brim hat when they were approached by two men. One man continued walking but the other pointed to Mr. BREEDEN and said "That guy is from Texas, ain't he?" Mr. GEBERT answered that BREEDEN was from Missouri. Then the man stated "Oh, from old Missouri. That's where old Truman hailed from. We got to get rid of old Truman. We're going to get rid of old Kennedy, too." Mrs. BREEDEN assumed the man was referring to getting rid of him by voting.

The man's attitude irritated Mr. BREEDEN and he continued up the street for a few feet and heard no more conversation. The man then asked Mr. GEBERT what his name was and then stated his name was OSWALD. The man continued to talk to GEBERT for a few minutes but Mrs. BREEDEN was unable to recall any specific statements made.

Even though Mrs. BREEDEN had seen OSWALD on television after the assassination and heard his name numerous times, she did not connect the incident described above with the accused assassin until she and her husband visited Mr. GEBERT in St. Louis on March 9, 1964. GEBERT mentioned the above-described incident stating that they had talked to the accused assassin in New Orleans while there on vacation. Then Mrs. BREEDEN recalled very well the fact as outlined above including the name, OSWALD.

Mrs. BREEDEN is 59 years old, in poor health, and under a doctor's care for high blood pressure and overweight.

On 3-27-64 at Union, Missouri File # DL 100-10461
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by SA AUBREY D. PARK:amb Date dictated 3-29-64

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